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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Docket No.
KYA-0010

Application No.
09/556,392

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Examiner
Z. Smith

Art Unit
2877

Applicant(s): Yuichi NODA, et al.

Invention: SHEET MATERIAL FOREIGN MATTER DETECTING METHOD AND APPARATUS

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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Independent Claims	5	- 5 =		x	
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable)					
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Small Entity

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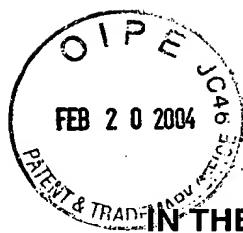
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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of:

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1, 3 and 5-7 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claim 7 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 1 and 3 are amended.

Applicant expresses his appreciation for the Examiner's allowance of claims 5 and 6.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)